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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir; if the results justify more expenditure, we shall certainly spend more money."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it the idea of the Government to make people Hindi-minded? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is not the idea so far as this proposal is concerned."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Do these journals published by this Government publish or print anything which is not given publicity already freely in the journals of this Province? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That also may be an item of publication."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that Madras Information is merely a reproduction of the press communiqués already published in the daily newspapers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not exactly so; we are also revising these publications."

Number of overseers in the Province.

* 145 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of overseers employed in the Public Works Department throughout the Province?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The total number of overseers at present employed in the Public Works Department (including projects) is 169."

Irrigation schemes in the Vizagapatam district.

* 146 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the irrigation schemes (minor and major) in the Vizagapatam district for which plans and estimates are (i) ready, and (ii) are being made ready;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to give a list of the schemes with their estimates;

(*c*) whether the Government are taking up the execution of any of these schemes this year; and

(*d*) if so, what are they?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The [a] answer to the question is laid on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 818–823 infra.